CHARTER RELATING TO LEYSANTESTON, 32 EDW. I. 1304.

From the original in the possession of George Grant Francis, Esq. F.S.A., Honorary Librarian of the Institution of South Wales.

By this charter John Turbervile grants to David de la Beare and Joan his wife, and Peter their son, the whole vill of Leysanteston, to be held of the chief lords thereof by the annual payment of a pair of gilt spurs, or sixpence, at Easter. The consideration given for the grant was forty marks sterling.

The modern name or site of Leysanteston has not been ascertained. It was, perhaps, derived from the Welsh surname Leyshun.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes Turbervile dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi David de la Beare et Johanne uxori sue ac Petro filio eorumdem et heredibus ipsius David totam villam de Leysantestone cum omnibus redditibus, serviciis, homagiis, feodelitatibus, wardis, maritagiis, releviis, herietis, eschaetis, ac proficuis omnium tenentium ejusdem ville, et omnibus et singulis suis pertinentiis, sine aliquo retenemento mei vel heredum meorum Habendam et tenendam predictis David et Johanne ac Petro et heredibus predicti David et assignatis suis totam predictam villam cum omnibus et singulis appendiciis suis ut predictum est de capitalibus dominis ville antedicte libere, quiete, integre, bene et in pace, jure hereditario in perpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim eisdem dominis unum par calcarium deauratorum vel sex denarios ad pascha pro omnibus serviciis secularibus exaccionibus et demandis. Pro hac autem mea donacione concessione et presentis carte confirmacione dederunt mihi predicti David, Johanna, et Petrus quadraginta marcas sterlingorum pre manibus. Et ut hec mea donacio concessio et presentis carte mee confirmacio rata, stabilis, et inconcussa in perpetuum permaneat, hanc presentem cartam sigilli mei impressione roboravi. Et in testimonium veritatis sigilla Roberti de Cantelow et Johannis de Wyncestre apponi procuravi. Hiis testibus, Dominis Roberto de Penres, Willelmo de Langetone militibus, Philippo Purbigges, Philippo Scurlagges, Roberto Mansel, Willelmo Henry, Johanne Maunsel, Helya Ace, Johanne Melewold et aliis. Data apud Leysantestone die dominica proxima ante festum sancti Michaelis anno regni regis Edwardi tricesimo secundo.

On the labels for the seals, which are lost:

"Turbyrwilla Cantelou Wyncestr'."